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Applicant argues that the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn. In light of Applicant's admission that splitting algorithms are well-known to a person skilled in the art, the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is respectfully withdrawn.

Regarding Applicant's argument that neither Hertel nor Bansal teach a splitting algorithm, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Under the broadest reasonable interpretation of a splitting algorithm, Bansal clearly teaches a splitting algorithm. Bansal clearly teaches splitting roles among multiple personnel (par. 58), so there must inherently be a splitting algorithm.

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/Jonathan G. Sterrett/

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